

REMARKS

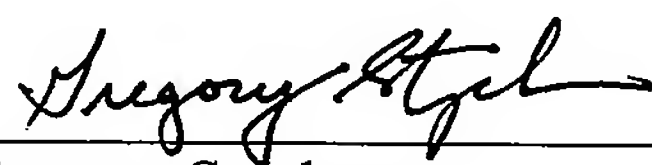
Applicants have amended the claims to incorporate allowable subject matter as indicated by the Examiner on page 4 of the most recent office action into each of the independent claims. Thus, all the claims are thought to be allowable. The Applicants believe they have responded to all of the concerns raised by the Examiner. Reconsideration of this application as amended is hereby respectfully requested.

The Examiner is authorized to charge any fees required and not paid herein, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 13-4365.

Respectfully submitted,

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